

Appln. No. 10/826,793

Amendment in Reply to Office action dated December 6, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 and 6-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled by this amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2-3 and 6-8 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected as being anticipated by Smith (US Patent No. 3,553,672). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 5.

Because pending claims 2-3 and 6-8 have been allowed, an allowance of the present application is in order and hereby requested. Should any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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